

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2014**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, the **HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT** of Bowie County, Texas met in **REGULAR SESSION** at the Courthouse of said County in New Boston, Texas after due notice had been posted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

<b>Sammy Stone</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #1</b>
<b>Tom Whitten</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #2</b>
<b>Kelly Blackburn</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #3</b>
<b>Pat McCoy</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #4</b>

Also in attendance were the following County Officials: Auditor William Tye, County Clerk Tina Petty, County Legal Advisor Carol Dalby and the following staff members also present on this day: Purchasing Agent Chris Goodsell and Administrative Assistant Rachael Cherry.

**PRELIMINARIES**

In accordance with the Bowie County official policy on meeting Invocations, County Judge Sterling Lacy read the following statement.

Any Invocation that may be offered before the official start of the meeting of the Court shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Court. The views or beliefs expressed by the Invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Court and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Court in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the Invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to actively participate in the business of the Court.

**INVOCATION**

Bowie County Sheriff James Prince

**PLEDGE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 10:10 A.M. when the following **ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES** were had and **ORDERED** spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

**Item 1:** Public Comments were made by Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX.

**Item 2:** There was no Commissioners Court response to Public Comments.

**Item 3: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to accept the first quarter activity report from Precinct 5 Constable, Robbie Caudle.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 4: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve James Construction Group letter dated February 17, 2014 reflecting JCG use and restoration of a section of the Bowie County Trail and their assumption of the County's SW3P requirements.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 5: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to appoint Tom Whitten as representative to the Tex21 and Texas High Speed Rail groups.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to appoint Sammy Stone as Bowie County's representative on the Texarkana and Nash TIRZ boards.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to appoint Tom Whitten as Bowie County's representative to the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014:**

- A motion was made by Judge Lacy, but died to the lack of a second, to authorize the County Auditor to begin the process for a tax anticipation with the plans being to set the range amount of our loan at the next regular session of Commissioners Court.**
- A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to apply for the Tax Anticipation Note for \$5 million.**
- An amended motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to apply for the Tax Anticipation Note up to \$5 million.**

**Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes**

**Judge Lacy-no**

**Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes**

**Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes**

**Commissioner Pat McCoy-no**

**Motion was put to a vote and three (3) voted yes and two (2) voted no.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 9: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to increase our inspection fee (for septic systems) to \$300.**

**Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted aye and one (1) Commissioner Pat McCoy opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 10: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the use of Bldg. at 209 W. Broad St. (for use by City of Texarkana for downtown event May 10<sup>th</sup> called Better Block Texarkana).**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 11: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table, until the next meeting the attached list of surplus property.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014:**

- **A motion was made by Judge Lacy, but died due to the lack of a second, to authorize payment of account payable as presented by the Auditor, with the exception of I-69, Patillo Group and Texas High Speed Rail.**
- **A motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve payment of accounts payable as presented.**

**Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes**

**Commissioner Pat McCoy-yes**

**Judge Lacy-no**

**Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes**

**Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes**

**Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted yes and one (1) voted no.**

**Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to approve the minutes of March 24, 2014-Regular Session and April 7, 2014-Special Session with the exception of March 24<sup>th</sup>, Item #5 should read 411-400 instead of 41-400.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**

**On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Judge Lacy to adjourn.**

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

**Motion carried.**